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[¶1.](#) (SBU) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to MEA Director (United Nations Economic and Social) Dinesh Patnaik on November 13, noting the tight deadline for a decision, with the vote only two days away. Patnaik replied that the GOI is still deliberating on its position, stating "we'll do whatever is necessary on this vote," adding, "you can take that positively."

[¶2.](#) (C) COMMENT. Patnaik was referring to MEA's practice of having its mission in New York suggest how India should vote. Post suggests that, if possible, USUN double-track the Indian viewpoint there. Post expects India to vote with us on this resolution. END COMMENT.
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